

## Dear Neighbors and Friends,

As Spring arrives, I am overjoyed that we will see new beginnings in District 7. We have just opened a new branch library and fire station. Public Works has begun numerous projects and this year, more streets within District 7 will be repaved than ever before. We are taking serious the challenges of drainage and flooding. As a member of Committee of Seven (the regional watershed management program), I am focusing on new solutions.

Major park, street and drainage improvements are scheduled to begin this year throughout District 7. As Spring brings new life it also brings renewed progress. Last Summer's work on the budget will produce improved streets and drainage in the Spring.

As 2006 projects begin we have already begun to plan for 2007. I will continue to meet and work with neighborhoods to develop District 7 priorities for the future.

*Elena Guajardo*

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## Garbage ride along/alley cleanup

District 7 is unique in the vast amounts of alleys that it contains. This uniqueness brings with it some issues and concerns the majority of San Antonio does not face. The neighborhoods of Jefferson and Monticello utilize many of their alleys for trash pickup. Problems have arisen due to the narrowness of these alleys and the size of the cities trash trucks. The safety of San Antonio's garbage collectors has been called into question within these alleys as well. In order to view the concerns first hand Councilwoman Guajardo took on the task of riding and picking up trash alongside our garbage men and women through the alleys of the Jefferson neighborhood. This eye opening experience provides the Councilwoman with information that will be aid her in finding a solution to problems arising out of alley trash pickup. As the trucks came through the allies it was clear that there wasn't much room for error on either side of the truck. Vegetation, limbs and debris caused the situation to be unsafe at numerous points on the trash route.

Since the garbage ride along District 7 hosted an alley cleanup in order to reduce the amount of trash and debris that could cause harm to our city employees and prevent trucks from making it through the alleys. Volunteers were brought in to work side by side with the Councilwoman and District 7 staff to provide a start for several alleys in the Jefferson neighborhood area. Though the city is not responsible for maintaining the alleys it is clear that help was needed. The cleanup provided a clean slate for the neighborhood to keep up.



Councilwoman Guajardo and a Sanitation employee in the alley picking up garbage.



# BUILDING COMMUNITY LEADERS

Councilwoman Elena Guajardo working with the St. Mary's University's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Leadership Center has organized the first District 7 Citizen Leadership Conference. Leaders from across the district will come together to gain critical insight of District 7. Participants will be asked to join in developing a collective vision for the District.

City Department Directors will participate to assist participants to build a knowledge base of city services. The goal of the conference will be to develop strong neighborhood and community based leaders with the training to advocate for their community and District 7.

## GRAND OPENINGS

Councilwoman Elena Guajardo was proud to host the grand openings of Maury Maverick Jr. Library and Fire Station 49 on Saturday February 18. The library is named for Maury Maverick Jr., a native San Antonian, a former Marine, civil-rights attorney, state legislator, author and *Express-News* newspaper columnist. To honor the creation of this library and fire station Councilwoman Guajardo joined together with Parks and Recreation, the Library Foundation, and the Fire Department to host a celebration. Despite the inclement weather, hundreds of residents showed up to enjoy the festivities including activities for children and adults alike. The event included food and refreshments, story time for children, performances by Inner City with Style and Conrad Gonzales.

Libraries and fire protection are two of the most basic functions of city government. The event demonstrated the support of having a public library and fire station in the community. A public library was long overdue and fire station 49 will provide critical fire and EMS coverage.

Fire Station 49, Nani Falcone Park, and Maury Maverick Jr. Library are a wonderful grouping of city services that can be enjoyed by residents for many years to come. --



Maury Maverick Jr. Library and Fire Station 49 opened on February 18th 2006. Councilwoman Guajardo and many residents of District 7 joined in a wonderful celebration of these two new additions to District 7.

## Urban Youth Art Exhibit

To support cultivating an appreciation of the arts for our youth, Councilwoman Guajardo initiated the Urban Youth Art Exhibit. Working with Jefferson High School and Askew, students showcased their art for the community.

Dr. Kellen Kee McIntyre, Professor of Art History at the University of the Incarnate Word, and local artist Rita Maria Contreras judged over 30 entries. Councilwoman Guajardo presented all participants official city awards. Each of the six winners received medals and were recognized at City Council.



Children and parents who participated in the Urban Youth Art Contest



# Share your love with a child in need!



In Texas, there are 24, 515 children in foster care, 2, 299 of those children are in Bexar County. These children, infants to 17 years, have been victims of abandonment, abuse, or neglect. While the number of children entering foster care grows, the number of San Antonio foster homes decreases. In 2005, 899 San Antonio children were placed in a foster home outside Bexar County, away from friends, family and community. This stagnates the child's healing process. These children need love and a good home. Please consider giving a child in need love, attention, and good home. The Children's Shelter is seeking new foster and adoptive parents to care for children, newborn to 17 years. You can take care of babies, toddlers, sibling groups, younger children and/or older children. For more information please contact Iván Rivera at (210) 212 – 2547 or 1-877-212-2590.

## CHANGE IS COMING

### District 7 Capital Improvement Projects

#### Duke Area Streets PH I Currently under Construction

This project will reconstruct Wake Forest from Stonegate to Gen McMullen, Marquette from Stonegate to Wake Forest and Varsity from Bandera to Wake Forest to a 30' width. The project will include parkway improvements such as new curbs, sidewalks and driveway approaches. Necessary storm sewer improvements will be provided.

#### Alamo Farmsteads Drainage PH I Sch. Start - Spring 2006

This project will reconstruct Whitby from Abe Lincoln to Rochelle to an uncurbed 26' width. This project will provide new driveway approaches and necessary storm sewer improvements.

#### Hollyhock at Huebner Creek Construction Spring 2006

This project will provide for an Improved low water crossing on Huebner Creek at Hollyhock.

#### Culebra Area Streets PH IV Currently Under Construction

This project will reconstruct Broadview from Pettus to Hemphill and Pettus from Culebra to Broadview to include curbs, sidewalks, driveway approaches and necessary drainage.

#### Tezel - Ridge Path to Timber Path This project is currently under construction.

This project will reconstruct Tezel to 4 lanes with turn lanes, curbs, 6' sidewalks, drainage, signal improvements, and bike lanes. Part of this project also lies within District 6.

#### Callaghan - Bandera to In- gram Construction will begin summer/fall of 2006

This project will reconstruct Callaghan and widen it enough to accommodate two 11' inside lanes and 12' outside lanes with a 12' center turn lane along with curbs, a 6' sidewalk on the north/west side and 8' bike lanes on the south/east of the roadway.

#### Woodlawn - Bandera to Maiden Construction - Fall 2006

Design and reconstruct Woodlawn from 36th to Duke to 38' width and from Maiden to 30' width with left turn lanes at the 36th and One Camino Santa Maria intersections, curbs, sidewalks, bike accommodations and drainage. Install an underground storm water system and asphalt overlay Camino Santa Maria from Woodlawn to Overhill, Overhill from Camino Santa Maria to Notre Dame and Notre Dame from Overhill to Stonegate. Install an underground storm water system in the parkway from Woodlawn to Bangor.



#### Boards &

#### Vacancies

Capital improvements Advisory  
Committee— Community Rep

City of San Antonio, Texas Educa-  
tion Facilities Corporation

Home Improvement Advisory  
Board

South Texas Business Fund

Transportation Advisory Board

For more information, please  
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Applications are available at:

[www.sanantonio.gov/clerk/boards](http://www.sanantonio.gov/clerk/boards)

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